

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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PERU, IN 46970

November 14, 2011

Commissioner Chairman Boyer opened the meeting,

PITNEY BOWES

The Board discussed the need to get a contract in place that would define the payments that would be made by Solid Waste and Miami County Assessor for use of the Pitney Bowes machine. The copy counts for 2011 for the respective offices are as follows:

Treasurer-93,780

Assessor-25,375

Solid Waste-32,146

The Board feels that the fair way to determine a per-copy cost would be to divide the total monthly payment for the lease by the total number of copies. The Assessor and Solid Waste would be responsible for paying their portion of the lease. Commissioner Boyer does not feel that it is fair for the Treasurer to pick up the entire expense of the initial start-up costs and that these other offices need to contribute. The Treasurer noted that there was not a large amount of start-up costs but she did have to pay for permits and toners up front.

Mrs. Morris also updated the Board on the changes for next year's tax billing with new software updates based on feedback from the taxpayers.

JUDGE SPAHR

Judge Spahr came before the Board to discuss the Law Library and the new flooring to be installed. Judge Spahr is concerned with the walls not being completed in the Library as well as the bookcases needing to be emptied and moved out prior to the new flooring being installed. There was discussion with Judge Spahr and the Board regarding carpet versus restoring the floors to their original state. Judge Spahr stated that a couple of attorneys would be willing to pay to redo the wood floors. The Commissioners will follow-up with the attorneys to see if they are willing to contribute to the cost of restoring the flooring.

MINUTES

The minutes from 11/7/11 were unavailable at the time of the meeting and will be acted upon at the 11/21/11 meeting.

PAYROLL

Commissioner Faust made a motion to approve payroll and Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

JEFF PRICE

Jeff Price discussed with the Board the restoration of the floors in the Law Library. Mr. Price had mentioned that keeping the hard surface would be in line with the rest of the building and its history. Mr. Price stated that he would not mind helping and would be willing to put money into the pot to make up the difference between what it would cost to carpet the library and what it would cost to restore the floors. Mr. Price would be willing to talk with other attorneys and see if they would be willing to contribute. The Board of Commissioners stated that they would need an answer by Monday so that they can move forward with the project.

SCOTT SHEPPARD

Scott Sheppard came before the Board to discuss the issue of the right-of-way at the Old Max Pitts Building on US 31 and Airport Road. The Board stated that it was the property of the county, but they do not need or maintain it. The Board will turn over the information to Pat Roberts, County Attorney, to see if there is anything that can be done to give a portion of that right-of-way to Mr. Sheppard. The Board told Mr. Sheppard to give them a couple of weeks.

#### EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, updated the Board about the district grant. Mr. Marks said the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the grant is done. Mr. Marks is now working to get the schools involved in the grant.

#### TREASURER

Rebecca Morris, Treasurer, inquired as to whether or not there was an ordinance in place for accepting donations. A taxpayer recently sent in their tax payment and an additional \$200.00. The taxpayer stated that they did not feel that their tax bill was high enough and wanted to help the county. Mrs. Morris is unsure what to do with the donation due to not having an ordinance. Commissioner Boyer stated that the Board would look for an ordinance but does not think we have one addressing donations. The Board directed Mrs. Morris to return the money thanking the taxpayer for their donation but that we were unable to accept it at this time.

Mrs. Morris also inquired about the status of the Full File Fee ordinance. The Full File Fee is imposed on banks and escrow companies that request tax information for their customers. The Board approved the collection in March of 2010 and to date no ordinance has been passed. Mrs. Morris spoke with the State Board of Accounts and was told that we can collect the fees but cannot spend them until the ordinance was in place. The Board will follow-up with Pat Roberts on the Ordinance.

#### SHERIFF'S DEPT

Mike Rogers brought in the insurance reimbursement from Nationwide Auto Insurance. The check was to cover damages to a deputy's vehicle when someone ran into it. Mr. Rogers advised the Board that the vehicle should be ready by Tuesday.

#### KEN EINSELEN

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer came to the Board to inquire about the appointment of Joe Lennon to the Wage Scale Committee. Commissioner Boyer apologized that he did not get with Joe Lennon and asked that Mr. Einselen follow-up on the matter.

Mr. Einselen had the sign inventory contract. Mr. Einselen will bring it back after reading it for the Commissioners signature.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY

The Board asked about donations. Mr. Roberts advised that the Board would need to clarify if the donation is a gift or tax-deductible donation. Mr. Roberts will review the IRS requirements and follow-up with the Treasurer.

Mr. Roberts inquired about the Hangar 200 project and if the Board would like for him to present a bill for services to date.

The Board discussed with Mr. Roberts the need to review the handbook and will set up a time to meet.

The Board followed-up on the Full File Fee ordinance for the Treasurer. Mr. Roberts stated that the County Council needs to establish the fund and ordinance. Mary Milroy, Chief Deputy stated that she thought there was something done in March of 2010 when the Commissioners approved the Fund. Ms. Milroy will research to see if there was an ordinance establishing the fund and forward the findings on to Mr. Roberts.

The Board discussed the right-of-way issue with Mr. Sheppard and what can be done to turn over a portion of the right-of-way to the taxpayer.

#### BRIDGE 152 BIDS

There were 2 bids submitted for the bridge 152 project. They are as follows:

Pioneer Associates \$285,768.79

R.A. Myers Construction \$283,473.48

Commissioner Boyer made a recommendation to turn the bids over to the Highway Department for their review and bring their decision back next Monday. Commissioner Faust made a motion to turn the bids over to the Highway Department for their review

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Mr. Roberts noted that the bids were made from old specs from 2005 but updated to 2010 requirements. Mr. Roberts feels the specs that were used for bidding are ok.

**OFFICE SUPPLY PURCHASING REQUESTS**

The Board approved purchasing requests for Community Corrections, IT, Clerk, Surveyor, and Treasurer. The Commissioners noted that the requests are for office supplies only such as pens, paper, pencils, etc. The requests do not pertain to IT items that need purchased by the departments.

**2011 LONGEVITY**

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the 2011 Longevity pay for \$69,200.00. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**IT**

John Evans, IT Assistant, updated the Board on the fencing around the new generator. The fix has been fixed as best as it can. The fuel for the generator came in last Wednesday and they are waiting to have the installation finished before they are able to start it up and test it.

**WABASH RIVER COMMISSION**

Commissioner Francis made a motion to reappoint Ken Einselen to the Wabash River Commission and Commissioner Boyer as an alternative appointment. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**FIRST FARMERS**

The Board received a request to update information and authorizing a specified contact to inquiry on things such as lost cards, charges, changes, etc. Commissioner Faust made a motion to add Jane Lilley, Auditor the contact list in the event questions or concerns arise. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Adjourned**

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Chairman**  
**C. Craig Boyer**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Vice Chairman**  
**H. Jon Faust**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Member**  
**Joshua Francis**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Chief Deputy Auditor**  
**Mary Milroy**